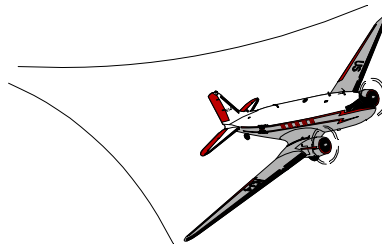


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INTRODUCTION

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) alerts you, an owner or operator of **APEX Aircraft (Avions Pierre Robin) model R 3000** aircraft, that APEX has issued Service Bulletin No. 176, dated February 6, 2001. This Service Bulletin is written to alert owners/operators that APEX recommends checking the configuration of the wing-to-fuselage attachment bolt assemblies through the main spar bracket. The Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (DGAC), France, has determined that there is a possibility of incorrect installation of these assemblies.

BACKGROUND

The DGAC, France, has issued their Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2001-127(A) R1, dated June 26, 2002, requiring French registered owners/operators of APEX Aircraft Model R 3000 airplanes to inspect the wing-to-fuselage attachment bolt assemblies for proper configuration. The DGAC reports that there is a possibility of incorrect installation of these assemblies. The French AD references APEX Aircraft Service Bulletin No. 176, dated February 6, 2001.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that you accomplish the actions and instructions given in APEX Aircraft Service Bulletin No. 176, dated February 6, 2001, as soon as possible.

This Service Bulletin can be obtained from:
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